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FCC RELEASES AGENDA FOR MARCH 6, 2023 DIGITAL ECOSYSTEM FORUM

FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel to Deliver Opening Remarks

GN Docket No. 17-208

This Public Notice announces the agenda for the Communications Equity and Diversity Council (CEDC)'s Digital Ecosystem Forum on March 6, 2023, from 12:00 noon to 4:30 pm, ET. The CEDC is an advisory council of the Federal Communications Commission. Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel will deliver opening remarks. The forum will be held virtually, beginning at 12:00 pm ET, and will be available to the public for viewing via the Internet at <http://www.fcc.gov/live>.

The innovation of technology has transformed almost every aspect of our daily lives – from how we learn, communicate, and develop professionally. The Diversity and Equity Working Group of the CEDC will bring together industry thought leaders to discuss how the U.S. can provide digital and technology upskilling through multiple avenues, including via non-traditional local and regional anchor institutions, in order to create a more diverse workforce. The half-day virtual forum will focus on the future of “work,” with the goal of providing tangible options to ensure that historically underserved populations benefit from next generation technologies.

The detailed agenda is attached to this Public Notice as an Appendix. The forum will be available to the public via live feed from the FCC's web page at <https://www.fcc.gov/live>. The public may also follow the forum on the Commission's YouTube page at <https://www.youtube.com/user/fccdotgovvideo>. In addition, the public may follow the event on Twitter@fcc or via the Commission's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/fcc. Members of the public may submit questions during the panel discussions to livequestions@fcc.gov.

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Members of the public may submit written comments to the CEDC using the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System, ECFS, at www.fcc.gov/ecfs. Any comments should be filed in GN Docket No. 17-208.

More information about the CEDC is available at <https://www.fcc.gov/communications-equity-and-diversity-council>. You may also contact Jamila Bess Johnson, the Designated Federal Officer for the Communications Equity and Diversity Council, at (202) 418-2608, or Jamila-Bess.Johnson@fcc.gov; or Aurélie Mathieu, Attorney Advisor, Wireline Competition Bureau, at (202) 418-2194 or Aurélie.Mathieu@fcc.gov, or Diana Coho, Consumer Affairs and Outreach Specialist, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-2848 or Diana.Coho@fcc.gov.

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APPENDIX

**Digital Ecosystem Forum**

**Sponsored by the
Communications Equity and Diversity Council
Diversity and Equity Working Group**

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Washington, D.C. 20554**

**March 6, 2023
12:00 noon – 4:30 p.m. ET**

VIRTUAL FORUM AGENDA

** indicates a member of the Communications Equity and Diversity Council*

- 12:00 pm **Introduction**
Diana Coho, Consumer Affairs and Outreach Specialist
Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, CEDC
- Welcome Remarks and Introduction of the Opening Speaker**
Christopher Wood, Executive Director
LGBT Technology and Partnership Institute*
CEDC Diversity and Equity Working Group Chair
- 12:05 pm **Opening Remarks**
FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel
- 12:10 pm **Presentation: “Current Landscapes of the Future of Work and
Impacts on Underserved Communities”**
Dr. Angela Jackson, Founder
Future Forward Strategies
- 12:20 pm **Panel 1: Your Role in the Digital Ecosystem**

Moderator
Rosa Mendoza, Founder, President and CEO
ALLvanza*

Panelists

Brigitte Daniel Corbin, CEO
Wilco Electronics Systems, Inc.*

Andreen Soley, Director
Public Interest Technology
New America

Antonio Tijerino, President and CEO
Hispanic Heritage Foundation*

1:10 pm

Panel 2: Companies' Roles and Efforts to Upskill the Workers of Tomorrow*Moderator:*

Antonio Tijerino, President and CEO
Hispanic Heritage Foundation*

Panelists:

Michelle D. Gilliard, Ph.D.
Corporate Social Responsibility Leader
IBM Americas

Anisa Green, Director, Federal Regulatory
Chief of Staff – EVP, Federal Regulatory Relations & Chief Regulatory
Officer, Corporate External & Legislative Affairs
AT&T Services, Inc.*

Hector Mujica, Head of Economic Opportunity
Google.org, Americas

2:00 pm

Panel 3: Public and Private Sector Synergy to Employ the Workers of Tomorrow*Moderator:*

Jenna Alsayegh, Senior Director of Strategic Initiatives & Partnerships
USTelecom*

Michaeljohn Green, Deputy Director of Economic Development
Miami, Dade County

Allyson Mitchell, General Manager
Mohawk Networks

2:50 pm

FORUM BREAK

3:00 pm

Fireside Chat: “The Role of Non-Traditional Anchor Institutions”*Moderator:*

Melody Spann Cooper, Chair and CEO
Midway Broadcasting Corporation*

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Jon Gant, Dean, School of Library and Information Sciences North Carolina Central University*
Subject Matter Expert, Digital Empowerment and Inclusion Working Group, CEDC

3:20 pm

Panel 4: How Are Non-Traditional Anchor Institutions Accelerating Digital Adoption and Upskilling*Moderators:*

Aama Nahuja, Legal Counsel
A Wonder Media Company, LLC*

Dr. Cathy Schubert, Fellow
American Geriatric Society*

Panelists:

Adan Gonzalez, Founder
Puede Network

Jake Heffington, Executive Director
Diversify Architecture

Dr. Yolanda Majors, Founder and CEO
Hurston Institute

Kristelle Siarza, Owner/CEO of Siarza
Founder, Asian Business Collaboration

Dr. Fallon Wilson, Vice President of Policy
Multicultural Media Telecom and Internet Council

4:10 pm

Additional Resources for Upskilling and Anchor Institutions

Charlyn Stanberry, Vice President, Government Relations
National Association of Broadcasters*

Antonio Tijerino, President and CEO
Hispanic Heritage Foundation*

4:20 pm

Closing Remarks

Christopher Wood, Executive Director
LGBT Technology and Partnership Institute*
CEDC Diversity and Equity Working Group Chair

Jamila Bess Johnson, Designated Federal Officer
Communications Equity and Diversity Council
Media Bureau